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Miss America visits the new AWSA headquarters and is presented with an honorary membership by Executive Manager Bill Clifford.

NEW AWSA HEADQUARTERS

By "STEW" McDONALD

Saturday, October 18th was a red-letter day for the American Water Ski Association, as they moved into their new and beautiful, three-room, concrete-block headquarters in Winter Haven, Florida. Adding a note of distinction to the busy day of moving hundreds of pounds of material and equipment, was the visit of one of AWSA's first distinguished (and beautiful) visitors, pert and pretty Mary Ann Mobley, newly elected Miss America.

Mary Ann, a lovely, eighteen-year-old brunette from Brandon, Miss., who had listed, in her biography, water skiing as her "favorite sport," had been spending the past several days at Cypress Gardens skiing and posing for hundreds of pictures to be used for the coming year. Stew McDonald, a ski instructor and Vice President of AWSA took her for her first ride at the Gardens, and "found her to be quite an accomplished student of the sport." Later Mary Ann visited the new headquarters building and was presented an Honorary Membership in the AWSA by its new

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Pretty Mary Ann Mobley, Miss America for 1959, takes part in her "favorite sport" during her visit to Florida recently.

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Seeming to sail over Pine Mountain, Mike Osborne, making the supreme effort to set a new jumping mark at the 1958 Nationals, is stopped by the camera in the most spectacular leap in National's history. For his unbelievable in-air recovery see page 10.

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Skiing in Europe

By Jack & Mary Andresen

Water skiing is said to have started on the French Riviera and to have developed to its present degree of perfection in the United States. However, at the European Championships at Juan-les-Pins, France we saw European water skiing rival the best American technique. The tournament was held in the Mediterranean in front of the Provencal Hotel in the international atmosphere of the glamorous Riviera resort. The incredibly blue, clear water is unprotected, and while everyone there was happy that the water was so calm for the jump and slalom, we more fragile Americans would have thought it too rough for competitions.

Most of the men jumped over 31 meters (100 feet) in spite of the water and used the double cut to good advantage. The Slalom competition was really hot, with all competitors using the single ski. Our champion, Simon Khoury, finished third, having had some rough water trouble. He was permitted to represent Lebanon, his native country, in this competition by a special ruling. In Trick Riding, which is called "Figures" in Europe, they have a new champion, Piera Castelvetri. She is a 16 year old blonde from Italy, whose style is reminiscent of Willa McGuire. She is also tops in Slalom and will be the girl to beat in the next World Tournament which will be in Milan, Italy in Sept. 1959.

Every place we stopped in the French and Italian resort towns, there were ski schools thriving and private boats pulling skiers.

There were a few outboard boats but most skiing was done behind inboards. The tax, which makes auto gasoline so high priced, (95 cents/gal.) doesn't apply to motorboats, so

their fuel is cheaper than in the U.S.A.

Our vote for the most beautiful spot on the trip was Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy. Here, as the guests of Mr. Gianni Fustinoni, newly elected World Water Ski Union president, we judged in a Jumping tournament and enjoyed the incomparable scenery and snorkling.

Lake Geneva, Switzerland has ski schools with Jump and Slalom courses at Montreaux and Geneva. At both places the skiing is right along the park-like shorefront in the city. The water is cool and so clear you can see bottom at 50 feet depth.

We happened to hit another Jumping contest in Paris. This was run by the Ski Club of Paris for the International Boat Show which is held on the famous banks of the Seine. The river traffic could not be stopped, so the water was terribly rough. The river water is as filthy as Lake Geneva was clean and the weather was cold. Nevertheless, the indomitable spirit of the French, Italian, Switz, British, Belgian and Austrian skiers prevailed. Thousands of spectators cheered from the banks and bridges in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower and cheered as each skier landed successfully and moaned when they fell in the cold, unwholesome water.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Immediately following his election as President of the AWSA, Jack Andresen and his wife Mary spent a month in Europe where they had the opportunity of seeing some of European competitive skiing.



The American Water Ski Association was represented by some of the top brass at the European Water Ski Championships at Juan les Pins, France, September 13-15 of this year. Getting a sun tan on the Riviera, seated left to right: Jack Andresen, president of AWSA; Simon Khoury, U. S. National Slalom Champ; Dick Pope, honorary vice president of AWSA; Mrs. Jack Andresen and Mrs. Dick Pope.

(Editor's note: There were no AWSA expenditures on this trip.)

CENTURY CLUB ROSTER GROWS DURING '58"

Membership in the Century Club is open to all AWSA members who have jumped 100 or more feet in an AWSA sanctioned water ski tournament. Distances listed do not indicate the best performance of the skier, but rather the length of the jump first qualifying him for membership.

1958

Carlos Elias	102 ft.	Dixie
Bob McWhorter	105 ft.	Dixie
Guy Weese	101 ft.	Dixie
Roger Ray*	107 ft.	New Orleans Open
James Jackson	108 ft.	New Orleans Open
Sandry Reynolds	100 ft.	New Orleans Open
Henry Nichols	103 ft.	New Orleans Open
Jerry Vincent	108 ft.	Dallas Open
Jerry Imber	100 ft.	Dixie
Dave Craig	103 ft.	Fla. Championships

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* Only member of the Century Club to become eligible while competing in the boy's division.

CENTURY CLUB ROSTER (Continued)

George Hughes	100 ft.	Fla. Championships	
Phil Bradley	105 ft.	Mid-West Regionals	
Clinton Stephenson	105 ft.	South-Central Regionals	
Bert Marshall	100 ft.	Southern Regionals	
Glenn Sperry	100 ft.	South-Central Regionals	
Don Bright	101 ft.	Southern Regionals	
Kirk Walker	101 ft.	Southern Regionals	
Dick Waters	101 ft.	Southern Regionals	
Simon Khoury	114 ft.	Southern Regionals	
1957			
Alan Bromberg	126 ft.	Southern Regional	
Ralph S. Cantin	110 ft.	Mass. Open Jumping & Slalom	
Joe Cash	126 ft.	National	
Ed Coblentz	100 ft.	St. Charles Marine Club	
Thomas A. Dorwin	112 ft.	Mid-West Regional	
Alfred W. Fuller	104 ft.	Mid-West Regional	
William Hewson	106 ft.	Southern Regional	
Stewart J. Leonard	105 ft.	Mass. Open Jumping & Slalom	
George Moenert	106 ft.	Southern Regional	
Charles Nash	101 ft.	Lake Austin Invitational	
Mike Osborn	115 ft.	National	
Phil Rowens	104 ft.	Mass. Open Slalom & Jumping	
Rod Sampson	104 ft.	Oregon State	
Edward Welter	110 ft.	St. Charles Marine Club	
Nathan Travassos	106 ft.	Southern Regional	
Robert L. Varney	105 ft.	Mass. Open Jumping & Slalom	
John McCoy	104 ft.	All American	
Buster McCalla	109 ft.	All American	
Serge Tcheky	102 ft.	All American	
1956			
Alvin "Butch" Rosenberg	125 ft.	Bob Nathy	105 ft.
Joe Mueller	122 ft.	John Holcombe	102 ft.
Alfredo Mendoza	117 ft.	John Gardella	102 ft.
Dick Binette	116 ft.	Jack Beatty	101 ft.
Scotty Scott	111 ft.	John Beattie	101 ft.
Charles Stearns	110 ft.	Thomas Tuttle	101 ft.
Leroy Herren	109 ft.	William R. Stevenson	100 ft.
Jim Rusing	109 ft.		
Charles Emry	109 ft.	Distances set in AWSA	
Warren Witherell	106 ft.	sanctioned tournaments	
Richard Robinson	106 ft.	during 1955 and 1956.	
William Massey	105 ft.	Tournament breakdown not available.	

Takes Two to Slalom

By Larry Brown

He threw a canoe paddle out of the boat. He jumped into the water. They tossed him a ski line.

Out of the water he came, balanced on the blade of the paddle, with the handle cutting the surface ahead of him.

Then through the slalom course he went and didn't miss a buoy. The crowd cheered.

This happened at the National Water Ski Tournament in 1956 at La-Porte, Indiana. As I applauded with the crowd, the vagrant thought crossed my mind: "Will the single ski

slalom come to this?"

Let me state my position bluntly. I think that skiing should be done on two skis. I believe that the single ski is merely a narrow aquaplane — a stuntboard.

You say that the single ski slalom is beautiful and I agree. I also will agree with you that barefoot skiing is beautiful, and helicopter spins and kite flying and did you ever see Dick Binette do a clown dive; kicking out of his skis on the ramp and diving through the air for a hundred or more feet? At San Diego in 1957, Glen



Johnny McCoy of Australia and Cypress Gardens demonstrating the one-ski slalom turn. Note the angle of the ski as pressure is applied by the back foot, changing the aspect of the ski from a planing surface to a displacement attitude.

Sperry won the boys' slalom on two skis. I'm sure that none of us who were there can forget the beautiful rhythmic pattern which he cut on the water. It was certainly smoother and more synchronized than the erratic zig-zags of the single ski boys.

Georgia; this year, and Jack Andresen winning the veterans' slalom on two skis; smooth graceful and beautiful as he topped the best skiers that our sport has produced in twenty years.

Glenn Kirkpatrick left a trail of slalom victories riding the double boards. Glenn feels that the double ski slalom technique will eventually triumph over the single, as do I.

The single slalom is a more or less uncertain zig-zag in which the skier pulls to the center of the wake, coasts to the buoy; then with his speed very radically reduced snaps the ski over for his turn. To make this turn, he changes pressure from his forward foot to his back foot. This action not only slows him down like putting on a brake but it also changes the aspect of the ski from a planing surface to a displacement attitude.

The next motion, after rounding the buoy, is to return the ski from a displacement angle to a planing one. This is done by pulling hard on the line.

Now all this ski action takes place in a very short period of time — but it does take place and is the cause of 90 per cent of the falls on the course. This stall-out-and-recovery is also the reason that most young skiers find it so difficult to ski the slalom course on one ski.

How many times in our ski club have we seen people come along who claim to be a whizz on the single slat — and they are — on open water. But when we take them through the slalom course they beat the water to a froth falling around the buoys. Why? Well, it's simply the old stall-out-recovery. When skiing on open water the single slalom skier makes his turns when he feels **right** and he doesn't stall the ski; he keeps it planing on the turn. The technique of the double slalom is much different and much smoother because the skis are always planing. The rider is skiing all the time in beautiful synchronized turns that actually require more skill than the inconsistent angular bobbing course of the single ski boys.

The major deterrent to a complete take-over of this event by the two skis is the lack of properly designed skis.

The problem is that on two skis the rider has double the area of wetted

surface under him and since the skis are planing all the time, he tends to skid or make leeway on the turns.

I have been working for years on experimental two-ski designs and I have the strongest feeling that someone will develop the right skis one of these days. When they do — look out, stunt men, because here we come with some **SKIERS**.

In the hope that you skiers with an inventive turn of mind will pursue this research to its ultimate goal, let me describe the skis I have already built, tested and discarded.

1. A five-ply laminated ski that was only five-sixteenths thick at the tips and tails. These skis were very light but strong and would bend like a bow.

My theory was that when you put the pressure on the outside ski to turn, the skis would bend and snap up around. That is just what they did — **BUT** — the skis were so limber that crossing the wakes was like skiing barefoot into a four-foot wave.

2. Extreme "banana peel" type with swept edges from tip to tail. The theory was that the long curved edges would make a very fast turn. Once again this was not the answer since the skis turned well but were erratic across the wakes and they were very wet. The spray from crossing the wake would blind you.

3. A pair of boat-tailed medium flex skis with a long sweeping reverse camber from tip to tail. The theory was that the long curved bottoms would allow a fast turn and the cut-away tails would bite deep. These skis were quite successful but they had a tendency to skid and wouldn't hold the hard cut to the wake.

Even though Dick Pope told Bill Clifford that he looked like a Water Spider on two skis, I'll go on record that before long, our young skiers will develop a new technique that will win the admiration of all.

We snow skiers remember when

the "Christiana" and the "Telemark" were supposed to be the last word in turns. Today, snow skiing has advanced to the beautiful "parallel" style that would make the skiers of thirty years ago look like "spiders."

I remember a Norwegian chap who used to snow ski jump 75 feet on **ONE** ski. Certainly it was pretty, sure, the crowd applauded — but it was stunt skiing and no one thought seriously of making one-ski jumping a part of the sport. Water skiing is still a very young sport so let's keep our minds open and ever alert to the advancing skills and changes which our wonderful young skiers are bringing to us ever year.

New York State Open Water Ski Championships

GREENWOOD LAKE JULY 26 AND 27

GIRLS—SLALOM: First, Karen Zetka, Greenwood Lake; Second, Sue Carol Longstaff, Eagle Bay, NY; Third, Diane Salvidge, Greenwood Lake. **TRICKS:** First, Sue Carol Longstaff; Second, Dickie Ann Hoyt, Fair Haven, N.J.; Merrily Moffatt, Greenwood Lake. **JUMP:** First, Sue Carol Langstaff; Second, Diane Salvidge; Third, Janet Blummel, Rumson, N. J.

BOYS—SLALOM: First, Robert Klepfer, Buffalo, NY; Second, Tom Downey, Greenwood Lake; Third, Douglas McKay, Greenwood Lake. **TRICKS:** First, Bob Lilly, Sharon, Pa. Second, Larry Korb, Boston, Mass; Third, Robert Klepfer. **JUMP:** First, Larry Korb; Second, Irvin Piehler, Webster, Mass; Third, Tom Downey.

WOMEN—SLALOM: First, Inge Montick, Greenwood Lake; Second, Mary Andresen, Greenwood Lake; Third, Laura Harrington Kocks, Greenwood Lake. **TRICKS:** First, Sandra Lee Lyon, Clifton, NJ; Second, Mimi Cozzens, Greenwood Lake; Third, Doris Renna, Greenwood Lake. **THERE WERE NO WOMEN JUMPERS.**

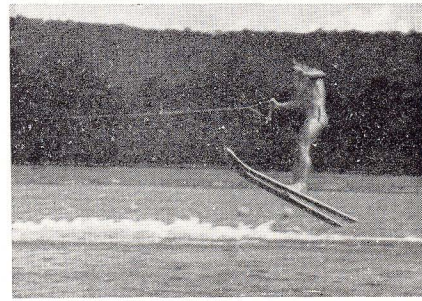
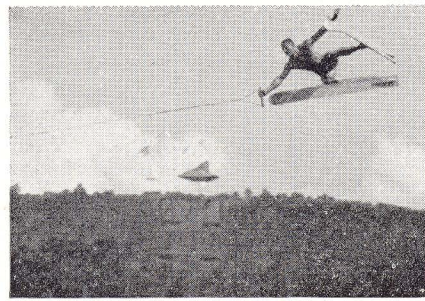
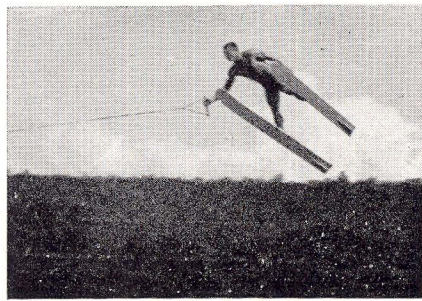
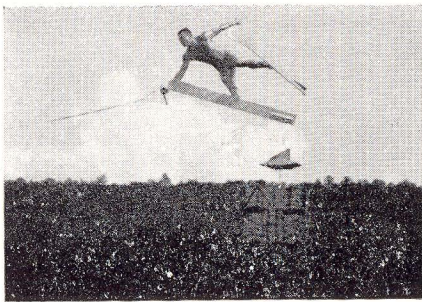
MEN—SLALOM: First, Warren Witherell, Lake George, NY; Second, Jon Holcombe, Alexandria Bay, NY; Third, John Abel, Greenwood Lake. **TRICKS:** First, Warren Witherell; Second, Jon Holcombe; Third, Stewart Leonard, Norwalk, Conn. **JUMP:** First, Jon Holcombe; Second, Sonny Cantin, Laconia, N. H.; Third, Jack Beattie, Laconia, N. H.

VETERANS—SLALOM: First, Bill Trudgeon, Laconia, N. H.; Second, Paul Solberg, Jersey City, NJ; Third, Joe Templeton, Oswego, NY. **TRICKS:** First, Jack Andresen, Greenwood Lake; Second, Joe Templeton; Third, Paul Boel, Detroit, Michigan. **JUMP:** First, Paul Boel, Second, Bill Trudgeon; Third, Jack Andresen.



Veteran two-ski slalomer Glenn Kirkpatrick demonstrating the art of two ski slalom in a beautifully synchronized and controlled turn.

Impossible? THE CAMERA DOESN'T LIE — Although making an amazing in-air recovery, Mike Osborne was not able to handle the landing. Result — the longest fall in tournament history — 136 feet.



CLUB CHATTER

First Neches Ski Club (Beaumont, Texas)

These past few months have been busy ones for the First Neches Ski Club of Beaumont, Texas. The first show for 1958 was presented on April 26 and 27 at the annual Neches River Festival in Beaumont. Other shows presented this summer were at the Sun Oil Company at Nederland, Texas on June 24; Lake Tejas, Texas on July 4; in Port Arthur, Texas on July 6; Abbeville, La. on July 12; Coastal City, La. on July 13; Dickerson, Texas on August 3; in Beaumont for the Bayou Boatman Regatta on August 30; and at Lake Tejas again on Labor Day. There is one more show scheduled for this year. That will be on October 19 at the Cav-OIL-cade in Port Arthur, Texas.

Several members of the club have distinguished themselves at various meets in Texas and in New Orleans, La. Lou Blackwell took 2nd place in the Women's Jump at the New Orleans Open with 54', and 2nd place in the Women's Jump in the Houston Open with 53', and 3rd place in the Austin Regional with 57'. Monroe Scurlock took 3rd place in the New Orleans Open with 65', 3rd place in the Veteran's Jump at the Ft. Worth Open with 58', and 4th overall in the Houston Open. Clinton Stephenson took 4th place in the Men's Jump at the Houston Open with 98', 4th place in the Men's Jump at the Austin Regionals with 105'. This put him in the ranks of the Century Club, it being his first jump of over 100' in official

competition. Bobby Vaughn placed 6th overall at the Houston Open.

Mrs. Robert B. Kennedy
Publicity Chairman

Denver Water Ski Club (Colorado)

With the completion of the Rocky Mountain Area Water Ski Championships at Sloan's Lake, on Sept. 6-7, The Denver Water Ski Club officially closes its summers activities.

Earlier this summer on June 28-29, with the assistance of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, our Denver Club held its first sanctioned meet at Boulder, Colorado. Taking part in the Boulder Open Water Ski Tournament, were competitors from Calif., Fla., and Colo. Along with our tournament chairman, Mark Taggart, the club worked to make this tournament the success, which we believed it was.

About seven of us competed at Medford, Oregon in the West Coast Regional's and while attending the general meeting of the Region, we placed our bid for the 1959 Regional Meet. Our bid was accepted and we are looking forward, with great pleasure, to a big season of skiing next summer.

This has been a year of great strides and accomplishments for our club. Water skiing has literally doubled in its participation and interest here in Colorado, since last year and seems to be rising steadily as our club grows with enthusiasm.

Dick Rapp, President

Ascension Beach (Conn.) Water Ski Club

Because of the tremendous response the Ascension Beach Water Ski Club's handicap slalom tournament received last season, the club recently held its second such tournament in which each of its members was eligible to compete. Such an event, we have found, gives every member of the club, ranging from the very best to the least experienced skier, the opportunity to compete on equal terms with others, promotes greater enthusiasm for the sport, and gives the incentive to practice to improve and the desire to win.

This year, Lou Gardella, Jr., Jack Patella and Ed Chalokian served on the handicap committee, as well as acting as judges and boat driver respectively.

The great progress several members made in their ability to slalom ski made the old method of buoy handicap alone inadequate. Therefore, the committee used various boat speeds ranging from 22-32 m.p.h., along with the buoy method for handicapping the members. Each member was informed of his handicap before the tournament. The rules for tournament slalom skiing as used by the AWSA were closely followed, with only a few minor changes.

The results from both these handicap tournaments held by the Ascension Beach Water Ski Club have proven that each skier, regardless of experience and ability, when properly handicapped, is presented a distinct challenge and that it is not the best skiers who seem to win.

Such handicap methods are also possible for the other types of skiing, such as jumping and tricks. Regardless of the type of skiing with which the handicap method is used, we of the Ascension Beach Water Ski Club highly recommend such handicap

tournaments for all clubs interested in an active and interesting water ski program for all its members, as well as those ski clubs desirous of promoting the participation of more of their members in club activities.

Richard P. Riccio, Secretary

Grenada (Miss.) Ski Club, Inc.

The Grenada Ski Club, Inc., has enjoyed a tremendous year during 1958. Tops on the list of achievements are the seven major water ski shows presented in North Mississippi for more than 60,000 spectators. The water carnivals were given as follows: Three at Grenada, one at Rose-dale, one at Arkabutla, one at Sardis and one at Greenville.

Since its organization in May, 1957, the club's membership has grown to a whopping 40. Represented are five Mississippi towns — Grenada, Coffeeville, Webb, Cleveland and Pascagoula.

As only Grenada Lake has felt the full impact of water skiing popularity in the vast North Mississippi lake country, the reservoir — headquarters for the Grenada Ski Club has been nicknamed "The Ski Capital of the Mid-South." The club has been saluted as the state's only nationally-recognized ski performance troupe and has been praised by several Mississippi newspapers as one of the best show teams in the nation.

Having much to do with the 1958 achievements is the leadership offered Grenada, president; Leroy Turner of by the current officers: Ted Revell of Grenada, vice president; Mrs. Ted Revell of Grenada, secretary-treasurer; George Armstrong; Mrs. Leroy Turner of Grenada, finance chairman; Linda Spain of Grenada, publicity chairman; Ed Williams of Grenada, show director; and Wally Sherwood

of Pascagoula, field representative.

The Grenada club can boast of 10 AWSA members. They are as follows:

From Grenada: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Revell, Leroy Turner, Dick Williams, JoJo Thomas, Billy Charles, Thomas and Linda Spain. From Coffeeville: Ralph Armstrong and George Armstrong. From Pascagoula: Wally Sherwood.

Causing perhaps the greatest sensation during the Grenada Ski Club's water carnivals this season have been the barefoot skiers John Allen Aven and John Criss, who are among Mississippi's few water skimmers to master this art. Other acts winning much praise are the bar balance, the five-man pyramid, the backward swan and three-on-a-ski.

The members had planned to conduct the First Annual Grenada Lake Open Water Ski Tournament August 10, but last-minute complications forced cancellation of the event. More than 100 skiers from all parts of the state were expected to take part with AWSA rules in effect. If the event had been held, it is believed that it would have been Mississippi's first statewide water ski tournament.

Nevertheless, approximately six members of the club were present for the regional tourney at Lakeland, Fla.

Wally Sherwood

Singing River Ski Club

Industry isn't the only thing that's booming in Jackson County, Miss. — water skiing is keeping up quite a pace too. Eleven interested skiers in this Gulf Coast playground area got together only last May and formed the Singing River Ski Club, Pascagoula-Moss Point, Miss.

In the three months that have passed, the membership has jumped to 25. Represented are four Jackson County communities — Pascagoula, Moss

Point, Kreole and Gautier. Formed under the sponsorship of the Singing River Boat Club, the skiers are now functioning as an independent organization.

Initial officers of the club are: Wally Sherwood of Pascagoula, president; Joe Dempster of Pascagoula, vice president; Billy Slyfield of Moss Point, secretary; Tommy Knight of Pascagoula, treasurer; Mickey Schneider of Pascagoula, publicity chairman; Chuck McRae of Gautier, membership chairman; and Freddy Martin of Pascagoula, exhibition chairman.

In addition to a number of practice sessions, the club joined forces with the boat club July 4 for an open ski contest during the big annual celebration at Moss Point, where the club members usually ski in the calm Escatawpa River.

Walking off with the best-skier trophy was Freddy Martin. "Skookie" Martinez of Moss Point was judged second best and he and Tommy Bodden, also of Moss Point, teamed up to win the best-doubles award. Both Martin and Martinez are charter members of the club and Bodden was admitted into membership shortly after the competition.

The rapidly-growing group had planned to enter 10 skiers in the First Annual Grenada Lake Open Water Ski Tournament, August 10, but the event was cancelled at the last minute.

Nevertheless, the club members are interested in tournament activities despite their inexperience at such contests. Only the club president, Wally Sherwood, is a member of the AWSA, but interest in this association is soaring and it is quite possible that additional memberships will be obtained shortly.

Closing the club's calendar of events for their first highly-successful season will be an inter-club marathon in September.

Wally Sherwood

Houston Water Ski Association (Texas)

The Houston Water Ski Association is the fastest growing club in the Southwest and at the present time we have 76 senior and 30 junior members.

The club has 300 foot water frontage on the old San Jacinto River and is 400 feet deep with lots of trees. The club house has 1200 feet of floor space and contains restrooms with showers, kitchen facilities, and overnight accommodations.

The club members have built three boat stalls and are in the process of building four more. Our latest acquisition of which we are quite proud is our gas pumps provided by Mobile Gas Corporation. In addition to this we have three piers for convenience of the customers and members. All of the work on the grounds and building have been done by club members in their spare time. This has taken just two years. We hope to make the club the biggest and best in the Southwest.

Our first AWSA tournament was held July 26, 27 on Lake Sandy, and was a complete success with 89 entries, 36 contestants in men's slalom and 20 in the jumping event. Five states and twenty cities were represented and over a thousand spectators witnessed the competition. Lake Sandy, a spring fed lake with a sand bottom, was as smooth as glass for the tournament. Trophies were donated by local merchants and we had the tournament filmed in 8 mm for club use.

The outstanding event in the tournament was men's jumping where Leroy Herren jumped 118 feet with a 10-10-10 in form. Later at the South Central Regional Championships Leroy jumped 127 feet.

We are working on something that we think is outstanding and that is a three man barefoot pyramid. Our

boys have come pretty close to doing it and with a little more time will have it perfected.

We shall hope to see all of you in Texas for the Nationals, which will be coming our way in the not too distant future.

Mrs. Jeanne Harms
Publicity Secretary

Cass Lake (Mich.) Water Ski Club

The State Championship Meet on Lake Sherwood last weekend was a definite success. Not only was the tournament well organized and well attended by the public, it was also blessed with perfect weather. However, the meet was a special success for the Cass Lake Water Ski Club because of the great number of our members participating and especially because of the remarkable quality of their performances.

The following club members participated:

Junior Men's class: Ken Obert, Dave Panks, Randy McCully.

Men's class: Joe Chircop, Tony Mitchell, Jerry Brace.

Senior Men's class: Paul Boel.

Women's class: Alice Shotwell, Beverly Olsen.

Mixed Doubles: Alice Shotwell and Joe Chircop.

Two victories stand out: Tony Mitchell winning the men's jumping event — his first tournament — and Paul winning Senior men's jumping. Tony's is a coveted victory; the highlight of a tournament for many contestants being jumping. Paul is jumping close to the world record for senior men — for a fair comparison with men's jumping, it must be remembered here that senior men must jump at a lower boat speed and from a five-foot ramp. Ken Obert proved tough competition for the other par-

ticipants in his events. Alice and Joe put on a beautiful performance in mixed doubles, perfect coordination and grace.

Our own club tournament was held Sunday, August 16.

Jennerstown (Pa.) Water Ski Club of Stoughton Lakes

We are happy to inform you that a new water ski club has been organized in this area. The name of the club is The Jennerstown Water Ski Club of Stoughton Lakes. It is located approximately 12 miles south of Johnstown, Pa. The club includes members throughout Somerset County. There are a number of other clubs being formed in the surrounding areas, which will be affiliated with Stoughton Lakes.

At our first meeting, July 26, 1958, the main objective was the election of officers. The following members were installed for the remainder of the ski year:

President, Howard E. Mauerer, Jr.; Vice President, Dwight W. Mishler; Secretary, John K. Mishler; Treasurer, Sandra J. McLarney.

Lewis Maust was elected chairman of the program and attendance committee. Robert McLarney was elected chairman of the membership committee, assisted by Pete Davis. James Maust was elected chairman of the water ski shows and inter-club tournaments. Trustees named were Bob Stoughton and Lou Chervenak.

Plans were made to have the first outing on August 9, 1958.

The newly organized clubs in this area have been sponsoring water ski shows every Sunday at Stoughton Lakes. To our knowledge, this water ski show is the only one in Pennsylvania, complete with costumes and

clowns. Plans are being made for inter-club tournaments and, in the distant future, it is hoped upon completion of the new ski lake we will be able to have the privilege of entertaining the National Ski Tournament.

Stoughton Lakes is situated in the Allegheny Mountains. It is a picturesque, fresh water, 75-acre lake. It has been in operation for five years. The facilities include swimming, boating, skiing and picnicking.

Joan K. Mishler

Rocky Mountain Water Ski Championships

SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7

MEN—SLALOM: First, Mark Taggart; Second, Jack Horton; Third, Marvin Rothenberg. **TRICKS:** First, Marvin Rothenberg; Second, Mark Taggart; Third, Lu Colman. **JUMP:** First, Knut Hauge; Second, Jack Horton; Third, Gene Roe.

WOMEN—SLALOM: First, Janie Dorwin; Second, Thresa Speak; Third, Yvonne Dowlin. **TRICKS:** First, Janie Dorwin; Second, Yvonne Dowlin; Third, Gretchen Horton. **JUMP:** First, Janie Dorwin, Second, Thelma Metz; Third, Alma Evans.

VETERANS—SLALOM: First, Harvey Dowlin; Second, Ernie Maiers; Third, John Cerrone. **TRICKS:** First, Ernie Maiers; Second, Earl Rubright; Third, Jim Glynn. **JUMP:** First, Jim Glynn; Second, Ernie Maiers; Third, John Cerrone.

JR. BOYS—SLALOM: First, Jim Dorwin; Second, Dee Crouch; Third, Jim Meer. **TRICKS:** First, Jim Dorwin; Second, Dee Crouch; Third, Jim Meer. **JUMP:** First, Jim Dorwin; Second, Dee Crouch; Third, Jim Meer.

JR. GIRLS — SLALOM: First, Kay Crouch; Second, Cassie Dorwin; Third, Helen Swan. **TRICKS:** First, Cassie Dorwin; Second, Helen Swan; Third, Kay Crouch. **JUMP:** First, Cassie Dorwin; Second, Helen Swan; Third, Kay Crouch.

OVERALL PLACEMENT—MEN: First, Mark Taggart; Second, Jack Horton; Third Knut Hauge. **WOMEN:** First, Janie Dorwin; Second, Gretchen Horton; Third, Sally Helton. **VETERANS:** First, Ernie Maiers; Second, Jim Glynn. **JR. BOYS:** First, Jim Dorwin; Second, Dee Crouch; Third Jim Meer. **JR. GIRLS:** First, Cassie Dorwin; Second, Kay Crouch; Third, Helen Swan.

THE LETTERBOX

Dear Sir:

I wonder if you know who is the oldest person who can ski. I am 63 years old and I learned to ski this Summer. I had many falls before I finally mastered the "art". I can't do any fancy skiing. I'm a grandmother—have three grown children, and I've been wondering if I'm the oldest one who can ski.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Lance Daugharty
DeLand, Fla.

(I don't know if you are the oldest skier, but I wouldn't be surprised if you aren't the oldest skiing grandmother. Ed.)

Speedboat & Waterski Vereniging "Hollandia" Dutch New Guinea Hollandia,

Gladly we should like to contact with your Assn. and first of all we should like to give you particulars about our club, here in Dutch New Guinea: the Speedboat & Waterski Assn. "HOLLANDIA".

This young club was established in July 1957. At that time some of our members (Dr. E. Samuels Brusse and his son Richard) were also members of your Assn. Thanks to this fact we had some knowledge of rules and point values applied by your Assn. That knowledge we could draw on the documents you've sent to above mentioned members. We also have put in to practice the rating requirements you've sent us.

Conditions at Hollandia — capital of this country — for practicing motorsport on water, are ideal. Ten miles south of the city lies Sentani lake with its striking beauty. This lake is about 30 miles long and 10 miles wide. It was on this lake that some of us — in 1953 went outboating

with outboard motors. An advertising booklet of Evinrude gave us the idea of waterskiing. At that time there was a club of speedboat owners. Early 1956 we made the first pair of ski's, using local materials and from photographs we could estimate the size.

Since then waterskiing on the lake, is practised with rising enthusiasm. In the meantime we get in touch with the Brisbane Water Ski Club and of course the Netherland Water Ski Assn.

For practical reasons waterskiers joined the club of Speedboat owners, and the above mentioned Assn. was established. Now this Assn. has a fleet of 43 boats, mostly runabouts but also utilities and hydroplanes.

At least two times a year speedboat races were organized and in 1957 speeds of 44 mph were recorded. Up till now, we never used "lower units," but only "standard outboards."

All boats we now own, are "local made" and not one was imported.

The 12th of May 1957, the first tournament was held. Rules were the same as those the Brisbane Water Ski Club used at their nationals in April 1957. Overall champion became our junior member Richard Brusse, 16 years old. Now Dick Brusse has left this country and in the summer 1958 he took part in the national event in the Netherlands and became second in the overall, and first in Trick riding.

About two months ago we started to put into practice Rating Requirements 1956 that you sent us. To give you some idea of ski-level in our Assn. we now have 9 second class and 4 of them are ready for first class exams.

Of course, the Dutch workers in this part of the world, are usually not staying permanently, but only a few years. During 1958 two of our best skiers will leave for Holland, but they will take part in the future European events.

In this forgotten part of the Far East, of course we are not in touch

with the latest advancement in techniek, rules and point values. So we should like to ask you to keep us constantly advised.

We are in touch with the Netherland Ski Assn., but in our opinion in Trick Riding, we are far ahead of them.

Dr. E. Samuels Brusse
President

THE STARTING DOCK

NOW HEAR THIS:

Applications for judges ratings are on file at the headquarters office and work is underway toward processing them. All applicants will soon receive information concerning their ratings and by February Judges Identification cards and emblems will be available.

The site of the 1959 National Water Ski Championships will be determined by January 1. The Tournament Site Committee, chaired by Chuck Sligh, will consider each of the prospective sites and study the many considerations involved. The three locations are: The Dells, Wisconsin; Laconia, New Hampshire; and Mt. Clements, Michigan.

Two brand new members join the ranks of AWSA with the arrival of Julie Anna Pope and Wendy Lynn Clifford.

The 1959 AWSA Rules Committee is hard at work on the 1959 competitive rules. If you have any ideas or suggestions, now is the time to give them to the Rules Committee. Write Chairman Charles Tilgner Jr., 89 Duane St., Farmingdale, N. Y.

With the passing of the Bonner Bill in the last session of the U. S. Congress, most states will soon legislate laws concerning boating and in many cases skiing. In an effort to prevent any restrictive or harsh laws against

water skiing, a legislative study committee has been appointed to work in conjunction with OBC's legislative department. If you have any information on proposed local or state laws that seem discriminatory to skiing, send it to Chairman Thomas H. Perkins, Austin Chamber of Commerce, P. O. Box 998, Austin 66, Texas.

This year your Association will try to develop more services toward water skiing as it effects the family. We need your help. Send in any ideas you have on how we can provide more and better services for family participation.

Water skiing is getting the royal treatment as evidenced by the fine article "The Booming Sport of Water Skiing" appearing in the November issue of the National Geographic Magazine.

As of October 1, 1958 Junior Memberships are three dollars a year. Senior Memberships remain at three dollars a year.

Tournament sanction fees are as follows: National Tournament \$100.00, Regionals Tournaments \$25.00, and all other tournaments \$10.00. Sanction fees should accompany applications for sanction.

Herman J. Aston, well known judge and organizer of skiing in the South-Central Region, has made a splendid recovery from his recent illness and has assumed chairmanship of the Judges Qualification and Rating Committee.

Through the grapevine and strictly unofficial, we hear that the new competitive rules may provide for a more difficult slalom course, the scoring of a third jump where a contestant has fallen on his first two attempts and a penalty provision for unjustified protests.

WORLD JUMPING RECORDS

The 1958 water skiing season has resulted in the greatest amount of competitive skiing in the history of the sport as evidenced by 45 AWSA sanctioned tournaments over the country. As the 1958 water skiing season comes to an end, let us review the present status of the World's Jumping Records.

At the National Water Ski Championships held at Pine Mountain, Georgia, new jumping records were established in Men's, Women's, Boy's and Veteran's divisions of competition. In the Girl's division, Barbara Cooper of Lakeland, Florida, and Jean Barnetson of Metairie, La., tied the world's record of 74 feet that had been previously established by Miss Cooper earlier in the summer at the Jacksonville Open Tournament, Jacksonville, Fla.

In the Veteran's competition, Jack Killea of New Orleans, La., and Floyd Vance of Sacramento, California, became co-holders of a new record of 85 feet. This record has since been broken as Floyd Vance jumped 88 feet at the Central California Championships held at Kingsburg, California, September 7-8.

136 feet — MEN'S DIVISION

(Ramp height 6 feet. Boat speed 35 mph) **Joe Cash**; Sarasota, Fla. 1958 National Championships

89 feet — WOMEN'S DIVISION

(Ramp height 5 feet. Boat speed 28 mph) **Nancy Rideout**; Cypress Gardens, Fla. 1958 National Championships

88 feet — VETERAN'S DIVISION

(Ramp height 5 feet. Boat speed 28 mph) **Floyd Vance**; Sacramento, California. 1958 National Championships

110 feet — BOY'S DIVISION

(Ramp height 5 feet. Boat speed 28 mph) **Roger Ray**; Cypress Gardens, Fla. 1958 National Championships

74 feet — GIRL'S DIVISION

(Ramp height 5 feet. Boat speed 28 mph) **Barbara Cooper**; Lakeland, Fla. — Jacksonville Open **Jean Barnetson**; Metairie, La. 1958 National Championships

New AWSA Headquarters

(Continued from Page 2)

Executive Manager, Past President Bill Clifford.

The new headquarters building was built especially for the AWSA by the City of Winter Haven during the past month. Its three rooms house the complete headquarters systems and files, including the secretary and files office, executive office, and a commodious storeroom for supplies and office machinery. Situated on the water at beautiful Lake May in downtown Winter Haven, the building stands in the midst of "boating row" with four marinas representing all of the major inboard and outboard boats and motors within a few hundred feet of the site. A dock is later planned and boating and skiing facilities for visitors to the headquarters.

Among other important visitors who have already wended their way to the new headquarters are Lee Sutherland, AWSA Secy-Treasurer; Jim Hubbard, former chairman of the AWSA Rules Committee; Tommy Bartlett, of the traveling water ski shows; and Lt. Col. Harry Robb, formerly of the Mid-West Region, en route to his new station at Presque Isle, Maine.

Work has progressed rapidly under

the capable leadership of Clifford towards improvement in the services, memberships, and the organization and promulgation of the new committees for 1959. Among the changes and improvements are an entirely new mailing and address-plate system for faster membership service, prompt answers to all correspondence, establishment of several new committees (there are now eighteen in all) to expand the scope of the Association into many of the new fields of water skiing, and a membership drive and program which Clifford hopes

will result in doubling the AWSA rosters for the coming year.

With the new headquarters located in a central portion of Florida, it is anticipated that the new building and offices will see many visitors during their winter trips to the Sunshine State. "We not only want to have all of our officers and directors stop in when they can," Clifford states, "but any of the other AWSA membership as well. We are proud of our progress and new building of the past month and a half, and invite your letters and visits at any time."

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The new AWSA Headquarters is extremely anxious to provide better services for the membership. Toward this end it has made a careful inspection of its membership mailing in an effort to insure that all members are getting their copy of the Water Skier and all other information mailed out by the Headquarters office.

Unfortunately after each mailing there are numerous pieces of mail returned to the Headquarters office due to incorrect address or the fact that the individual has moved and left no forwarding address. We can and will make address corrections in our mailing lists but this can only be done with your help and cooperation.

If you know of any AWSA member who is not receiving his Water Skier, kindly have him fill out the information form on this page and send it immediately to:

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If your address will change in the near future, please notify the Headquarters office so that you can continue to receive all AWSA mailings.

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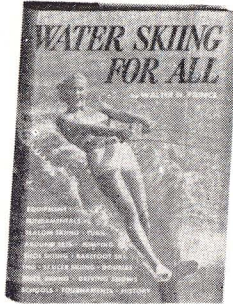
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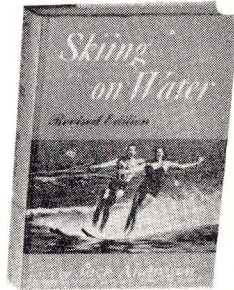
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Topsiue, Jack Killilea, New Orleans, La.; won the National Veterans Jumping title but was hard pressed by Floyd Vance, Sacramento, Calif.; Bill Goodhue, N. Kingston, R. I.; Paul Boel, Detroit, Mich.; and Cecil Herren, Channelvien, Texas. Though top man in points, Killilea shared the distance record with Vance at 85 feet. Vance has since established a new record of 87 feet.

Maryland Water Ski Championships

LEONARDTOWN, MARYLAND
SEPTEMBER 13 AND 14

MEN—SLALOM: First, Bob Sauls; Second, R. E. Hornsby; Third, Henry L. Porter. **JUMP:** First, R. E. Hornsby; Second, Chuck Randles; Third, Bob Sauls. **TRICKS:** First, Ed Marciniac; Second, Bill Simmons; Third, Bob Sauls. **OVERALL:** Bob Sauls.

WOMEN—SLALOM: First, Mable Britow; Second, Carol Lee Sutherland; Third, Barbara Simmons. **TRICKS:** First, Lucie Fisher; Second, Monica Stephens; Third, Carol Lee Sutherland.

BOYS—SLALOM: First, Jim Howard; Second, Rick Obrecht; Third, Chip Obrecht. **JUMP:** First, Porky Standworth; Second, Bobby Virstein; Third, Robert Newbury. **TRICKS:** First, Jim Howard; Second, Bobby Virstein; Third, Porky Standworth. **OVERALL:** Bobby Virstein.

GIRLS—SLALOM: First, Linda Wolfe; Second, Donna Beahm; Third, Pat Wilson.

VETERANS—SLALOM: First, Elwyn Wolfe; Second, Carsten Brinkmann; Third, Wilson Fisher. **JUMP:** First, Kenneth Wilson; Second, J. L. Hyatt; Third, Vince Hathorn. **TRICKS:** First, Wilson Fisher; Second, Kenneth Wilson; Third, Wyvan Reynolds. **OVERALL:** Kenneth Wilson.

ATTENTION — Regional Correspondents and club secretaries. Deadline for Jan.-Feb. issue of the Water Skier is January 10.

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